

NATIONAL TOP SECRET

No. 6
(Japan)Military Agreement
between
Germany, Italy, and Japan

The German and Italian Armed Forces, as well as the Japanese Army and Navy, herewith conclude a military agreement in the spirit of the Tripartite Pact of 27 September 1940 and in connection with the agreement between Germany, Italy, and Japan of 11 December 1941 to secure the operational co-operation among themselves and to destroy as soon as possible the fighting power of the enemy.

I. Division of the zones for operations.

The German and Italian Armed Forces as well as the Japanese Army and Navy will carry out the required operations within the zones assigned to them as follows:

1. Japan.

- (a) The waters eastward from about 70°, East longitude, to the West Coast of the American Continent, as well as the continent and islands (Australia, Netherlands, East Indies, New Zealand, etc.) which are situated in these waters.
- (b) The Asiatic Continent East of about 70°, East longitude.

2. Germany and Italy.

- (a) The waters westward from about 70°, East longitude, to the East Coast of the American Continent as well as the continent and islands (Africa, Iceland, etc.) which are situated in these waters.
- (b) The Near East, the Middle East and Europe westwards from about 70°, East longitude.

3. In the Indian Ocean the operations may be carried out beyond the zone-borders /zone limits/ agreed upon above according to the situation.

II. General Operations Plan.

1. Japan.

will, working together with the German and Italian operations against England and the U.S.A., carry out the operations in the South Sea Area and in the Pacific.

- (a) She will destroy important English, United States, and Netherlands bases in Greater East Asia, /and/ attack or occupy their territories in that area.
- (b) She will seek the annihilation of the North American and English land, sea, and air forces in the Pacific and the Indian Ocean, in order to secure for herself the control of the seas in the Western Pacific.
- (c) If the North American and English fleets concentrate largely in the Atlantic, Japan will reinforce her commerce raiding /Handelskrieg/ in the entire area of the Pacific and the Indian Ocean and, in addition, send part of her naval forces to the Atlantic and there collaborate directly with the German and Italian Navies.

2. Germany and Italy.

will, in cooperation with the Japanese operations in the South Sea Area and the Pacific, carry out the operations against England and the United States of America.

- (a) They will destroy important English and United States bases in the Near East and Middle East, in the Mediterranean Sea and the Atlantic, attack or occupy their territories in that area.
- (b) They will seek the annihilation of the English and American land, sea, and air forces in the Atlantic and the Mediterranean Sea, and the destruction of enemy commerce.
- (c) If the English and United States fleets concentrate largely in the Pacific, Germany and Italy will send part of their naval forces to the Pacific and there collaborate directly with the Japanese Navy.

III. Main Points of Military Cooperation.

- 1. Maintenance of contact regarding important points of operational planning.
- 2. Collaboration in economic warfare, including:

- (a) Maintenance of contact regarding the planning of economic warfare.
 - (b) Maintenance of contact regarding the course of the economic warfare, important information and other necessary particulars.
 - (c) In case one partner wishes to carry out economic warfare beyond the operational zone assigned to him, he will inform the other partners beforehand of his own plan, to secure the cooperation and mutual support regarding use of the operations bases, reinforcement, supply, recreation of the crews, repair work, etc.
- 3. Collaboration concerning the assembling and exchanging of information important to the operations.
 - 4. Collaboration concerning psychological warfare /militaerische Zersetzungsarbeit/.
 - 5. Collaboration for securing mutual military message transmission.
 - 6. Collaboration for the purpose of establishing air communication between Germany, Italy, and Japan, insofar as technical requirements exist, as well as the opening of the sea lanes and sea transport across the Indian Ocean.

In witness whereof the Chief of the High Command of the German Armed Forces, the Plenipotentiary of the High Command of the Italian Armed Forces and the Plenipotentiaries of the Chief of the Imperial Japanese General Staff and of the Chief of the Imperial Japanese Naval General Staff have signed this agreement.

Drawn up in German, Italian, and Japanese original in Berlin on 18 January 1942 - in the 20th year of the Fascist Era - corresponding to the _____ day of the first month of the 17th year of the Syowa Era.

Signed: Keitel
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Nomura
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